



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Summary Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2016**

**Eldorado Park  
2311 N. Miller Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85257**

**PRESENT:** Virginia Harris, Chair  
Anne Wurth, Commissioner  
Sherry Woodley, Commissioner  
Chris Thuman, Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Michael Bouscher, Commissioner  
Todd Davis, Vice Chair

**STAFF:** Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director  
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Jody Pierce, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Matt Osterhold, Recreation Coordinator  
Jim Curry, Assistant Coordinator  
Erin McKallor-Quill, Recreation Operations Supervisor  
Sunny Nakagawa, Aquatics Operations Supervisor

**Call to Order**

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present as stated above.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

## **Moment of Silence**

Commissioners observed a moment of silence.

### **1. Approval of the Minutes**

#### **a. Regular Meeting: April 20, 2016**

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager, noted that under updates it should indicate that there were 296 teams, not 296 participants.

**COMMISSIONER WOODLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 20, 2016 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER THUMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONER BOUSCHER AND VICE CHAIR DAVIS WERE ABSENT.**

### **2. Eldorado Park and Community Center Overview**

Erin McKallor-Quill, Recreation Operations Supervisor, reviewed the history of Eldorado Park and Community Center and described the park and community center amenities. She discussed the Center's partnership with the Barker branch of the Boys and Girls Club, which began in 1997 and noted that the Community Fishing Program and Fishing EXPO is an annual event held in partnership with Arizona Game and Fish. A new shade canopy was recently donated by Murad in partnership with the American Academy of Dermatology and local pediatric dermatologists as part of their campaign to promote sun safety. Ms. McKallor-Quill reviewed the list of adult sports and leisure education opportunities available through the center as well as their partnership with the Scottsdale Unified School District to offer after school activities and events such as Project Graduation.

Jim Curry, Assistant Coordinator, gave an overview of the history of the Eldorado Skatepark, The Wedge, which was initiated in 1994 by City Council and was completed in 1999 at a cost of \$306,000 for 16,500 square feet of skate park. Each Spring The Wedge hosts a skate competition that draws approximately 50 competitors and 500 spectators. In the coming 2017 season the event will be converted to a community event instead of a competition, which will likely draw more community participation. Mr. Curry discussed the benefits of the skate park to the community, associated issues and challenges, and necessary maintenance renovations. He explained that the Scottsdale police department will be moving into a satellite site adjacent to The Wedge, bringing an additional police presence, which will help with issues such as drug use and littering. He noted that the City is consulting with the Cowtown skateboarding organization on maintenance and upgrades that would aid in continuing to offer a challenging course for all skate levels.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Curry explained that bicycles are not appropriate for use at The Wedge because of the conflicting nature of the activities and the damage that bicycles cause to the skate course. The City is working with bike organizations to determine a place for cyclists to go. Mr. Curry explained that fees cannot be charged to users of the WEDGE as it cannot be fenced because it is part of the wash. Ms. Erickson noted that the cameras at the skate park in the north were purchased by a safety grant through the Risk Department. If cameras were installed at The Wedge, there would be a question of where to locate them, monitoring the video, and possible vandalism.

Ms. Erickson and Mr. Pierce discussed issues with maintenance of The Wedge, including trash pickup and cleaning up graffiti and other types of vandalism. Ms. McKallor-Quill said that staff has considered distributing business-type cards with contact information so park users can report cases of littering and vandalism to staff as it is happening.

### **3. Lifeguard Training Overview**

Sunny Nakagawa, Aquatics Operations Supervisor, provided an overview of the staff training program which includes StarGuard lifeguard training classes, which is the class necessary to acquire certification; Rollover StarGuard Lifeguard classes, for those who are certified through other organizations such as the Red Cross; StarGuard Lifeguard recertification classes; Starfish Swim Instructor classes; and a Skills Assessment Review class, all of which are offered from January through April. Lifeguards are required to participate in weekly in service and trainings throughout the season. Ms. Nakagawa noted that the motto for the 2016 Summer is "Own Your Zone."

Matt Osterhold, Recreation Coordinator, discussed the Guard Recognition Incentive Program, (G.R.I.P.). The program is designed to evaluate each staff member's lifeguarding skills. Each lifeguard is evaluated one time during the ten-week season and are rewarded for a score above 85%. Those who score under 85% are reevaluated within two weeks and let go if they have a repeated low score. Off-season staff participate in monthly trainings, including fully clothed pool rescue training. Mr. Osterhold briefly discussed the various StarGuard training opportunities, including training on equipment such as Zoll AED defibrillators.

Mr. Osterhold played a video of the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) being performed during Critical Incident Training with the Scottsdale Fire Department. This season's Critical Incident Training is scheduled for May 21, 2016 from 8:00 to noon.

Ms. Erickson noted that rescue incidents are seldom and briefly described a rescue incident that occurred at MMR approximately two years ago.

### **4. Commissioner Report**

Chair Harris said that she attended April Pools Day and the Partners for Paiute Breakfast.

Vice-Chair Davis accompanied Denise Clayton to observe the pickleball court play at Cholla and measure noise levels with decibel readings.

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, said that staff is considering sound mitigation options and will report back to the Commission at a future date.

### **5. Manager Updates and Director's Report of Current Events**

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Director, announced that Fred Klein was recently appointed by City Council to fill the empty PRC position. The McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park concert series began last weekend and will run every Sunday through July 3rd. He asked that Commission Members consider items of interest for the upcoming year for the discussion that will be itemized on the June 1st agenda.

Kira Peters, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that the ActiveNet program worked well for summer recreation registration, which began on May 2nd. She noted that the system determines resident/non-resident status based on an LIS System. There were a few incidents that had to be rectified where users did not put in their address correctly and were classified as non-residents. Youth Sports has started track season and a meet will be held on Friday, May 6th at Coronado High School for those interested in attending. Youth Corps training and orientation is scheduled for May 14th and Commissioner Davis will be assisting staff with orientation. Summer Recreation Leader training is scheduled for June 2nd. Ms. Peters submitted a presentation to the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA) that was accepted and she, Ms. Erickson, and Mr. Pierce will be presenting during the APRA conference on "Recreation, Maintenance, and Working Together." Ms. Peters noted that the Eldorado Community Center roof repair project is almost complete.

Jody Pierce, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that the grass areas should be improving with the weather warming up. Preparation has begun at Chaparral Park for Mighty Mud Mania and pits digging should be completed by Monday the 9th. Mr. Pierce noted that the Indian School Lake project is on schedule; there is a landscape project ongoing at 8401 East Indian School at Police and Fire Headquarters to correct grading and flooding issues. Irrigation issues at some of the parks are being addressed, including the mainline break at the south end of Eldorado Park near The Wedge.

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, said that event staff are assisting with preparations for Mighty Mud Mania and have made recommendations that should assist with flow, registration, and event evaluation. Date Night at the stadium is planned for Saturday, May 7th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Repairs on the pump at McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatics Center were completed in time for the opening of public swim and swim lessons last weekend. She commented on the improvements in the lifeguard trainees between the first and last classes and the great opportunity for youth to learn about job skills and accountability.

Commission Members were invited to attend a facility tour following the meeting.

## **6. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

## **7. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the regular meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz